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Center Opens in Richland to Help Hanford Workers with Questions about Care and Compensation

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Hanford Workforce Engagement Center (HWEC) at 309 Bradley Blvd., Suite 120, Richland, is a first-of-its-kind free resource for all current and former Hanford workers and their families who have occupational health questions.

The HWEC is staffed with trained and knowledgeable Hanford employees who are liaisons for people seeking assistance with occupational health programs. The staff can help workers or their dependents obtain information on a variety of programs, including the following:

- State of Washington's Workers' Compensation Program
- DOE's third-party administration for the Hanford Workers' Compensation Program
- Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
- Former workers medical screening program
- Beryllium health program
- Specific programs offered by some Hanford contractors

"I'm pleased that DOE has coordinated with Hanford contractors and the unions to open the Hanford Workforce Engagement Center, a first-of-its-kind facility, which will help Hanford workers and their beneficiaries understand options for compensation and care," said Doug Shoop, manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office.

HWEC is a collaborative partnership between the DOE, Hanford Site contractors, the Hanford Atomic Metals Trade Council (HAMTC), and the Central Washington Building and Construction Trades Council (CWB&CTC).

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information visit www.hanford.gov/hwec. To make an appointment, call 509-376-HWEC.

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